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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### European Army

ONE question which President Eisenhower may put to Britain through his Secretary of State in the near future is whether she is prepared to go beyond her guarantee of "automatic military assistance" and "the closest possible association" with the European Defence Community. In other words whether Britain is willing to give the lead to the rest of Western Europe by joining the proposed European Army. It has been argued that active British participation in the European Army at this time would act as an injection of good red blood into the anaemic veins of Europe. Moreover, Britain's inclusion would help to satisfy the doubts of the Germans, and it would do much to counterbalance their influence. Manifestly it would be undesirable for all the nation's military forces to be included, but the countries of Europe are so obviously anxious for Britain to go into the scheme that they would be prepared to accept almost any reservation which she might care to make. And the European Army, though by no means ideal in its structure, still offers the best method by which Germany can contribute to Western defence without her becoming a danger to the rest of Europe.

TO many the idea of British forces serving under a "supra-national authority" is thoroughly objectionable; moreover the organisation of overall political control would be no easy matter. Much would depend on the Chief of Staff who, as the head military authority, would be responsible for producing an efficient military machine for General Ridgway to use. On the face of things this key military appointment should go to a Frenchman, but there does not seem to be a French general other than Marshal Juin who has the necessary experience. And, as competent critics have emphasised, Juin is essentially a battle commander rather than a staff officer and should preferably remain in his present position as commander of the NATO ground forces in the vital European theatre.

IF, therefore, no Frenchman of sufficient calibre were available, the most obvious choice would be Field Marshal Montgomery, who, now that General Ridgway is firmly in the saddle, could probably be released from his present appointment of deputy commander. Montgomery is a man of world-wide reputation and immense experience, who knows his way about the intricate paths of Western defence better than most, for he has been treading them ever since the start of Western Union. Experience, it is universally recognised, is one of Britain's most important exports in the military field; and it is precisely this quality which, through no fault of their own, her Allies so badly lack. Europe has looked before to Britain for a lead and there are growing signs she is looking again. This fact alone may well prompt the new American administration to urge Britain to take a more active part in making the dream of a European Army a reality.

## The Ill-Fated UN Attack On T-Bone Hill

# General Collins To Give Congress The Full Story

## CRITICISM RESENTED

Washington, Jan. 29. Chairman Dewey Short of the House Armed Services Committee promised today that General J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, will give Congress the full story of Sunday's ill-fated United Nations T-Bone attack in Korea.

Other House members had questioned whether the attack—in which United Nations infantry troops were driven back by Communist forces who were presumed to have been clobbered by artillery and aerial attacks—was staged for military reasons or as a "show" for visiting officers and newspapermen.

Republican Representative Clare Hoffman introduced a privileged "resolution of inquiry" calling on the Defence Department for all facts in the case. Republican Rep. William Bray, in a letter to Defence Secretary Charles Wilson, demanded an explanation.

### Japs Arrest American

Yokohama, Jan. 30. Police here said today that they had arrested a 24-year-old United States businessman on a charge of smuggling long playing gramophone records into Japan by Army post.

### Hospital Attendants Strike

Singapore, Jan. 30. Four hundred and forty-seven attendants in Singapore's Mental Hospital went on strike this morning after a prolonged dispute on wage and other working conditions.

Of the 1,758 patients, 100 are criminal lunatics. Arrangements have been made for wardens from the Prison Department to supervise them.

Only three volunteers responded to an appeal for help from the public.

Meanwhile, more than 200 Singapore firemen were considering staging a sit-down strike because three colleagues were fired and new working hours were being introduced. The Fire Brigade employees Union appealed to the President of the City Council and the decision to strike or not depends upon its reply. In the event of a strike, the firemen will answer fire accident calls but do nothing else.—United Press.

## Another Small Fire On The Queen Elizabeth

Southampton, Jan. 29. A heap of cotton waste rag was found burning today in the world's biggest liner, the Queen Elizabeth, while detectives seeking signs of sabotage probed a blaze which last night destroyed one of the ship's staterooms.

The burning rags caused only slight scorching to the deck where they were found and a Cunard official said: "It was quite accidental. Workmen are always dropping bits of rag about."

But workmen were questioned and a special guard was detailed to keep an anti-sabotage watch tonight on the 33,073-ton

Chairman Short told the House that early today the Armed Services Committee clerk, Robert Smart, on his orders, called on General John H. Hill, vice-Chief of Staff of the Army, for a full report on the incident.

Rep. Short said that Gen. Hill subsequently called Gen. Collins, who is in Korea, twice by telephone. Gen. Hill reported that Gen. Collins had his return to Washington on Saturday and will be prepared to report on what happened.

Chairman Short told newsmen he may have Gen. Collins "come before the Committee next Monday or Tuesday." He indicated he does not subscribe to doubts expressed by Rep. Hoffman and Rep. Bray. "It is inconceivable to me that military leaders there would uselessly sacrifice a single human life," he told the House.

As for complaints that newspapermen and high officers were invited to watch the ill-fated attack, Rep. Short said he and other members of Congress in Korea last Autumn were also invited to watch operations in progress. "In a way you could say they ran a show for Congressmen," he said. "They took us up close and put each one of us in a helicopter and we were right up on the line. We could see our infantry in the valley below us and our artillery was two or three miles behind us. That was not a stage show. It was an actual operation. I think this (T-bone hill incident) was an actual operation too."

Rep. Hoffman told the House in introducing his resolution that an "impression has been received by many folks that the lives of our men were needlessly sacrificed by what might be called a show." He said his resolution was aimed at getting facts.

Edith Nourse Rogers (Republican) told the House that people in the rear district were shocked at reports of the disastrous assault. She too called for an explanation. The Army said Gen. Collins will hold a news conference when he arrives at the National airport on Saturday.—United Press.

THE abortive attack on T-bone Hill on Sunday, which some US Congressmen suggested might have been staged as a "show" for visiting Generals resulted in three Allied fatalities, a division spokesman said today.

Top detectives from Scotland Yard spent three-and-a-half hours today investigating a fire which damaged cabin number 13 last night, less than three days after a disastrous blaze had gutted the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Canada, at Liverpool.—Reuter.

Veteran Army officers were nettled by Congressional criticism and said the operation was ordered to clear the Chinese from the hill menacing a UN outpost. They said the casualties were extremely light.

The officers said they believed that demands of Rep. Clare Hoffman for a Congressional inquiry into the matter were inspired by "over-publicity." The spokesman said that orders for the attack came from the headquarters of General Mark Clark, and in addition to removing the Chinese, Communist threat, were intended to test co-operation between tanks and fighter bombers.

Correspondents and generals were given the order of the battle marked "secret" which outlined the exact timetable for each phase of the operation. ALWAYS OBTAINED. The division spokesman pointed out that every operation from a three-man patrol to a division offensive is outlined on paper beforehand. But as a result of the adverse publicity on the T-bone raid, the division involved was reported to have been ordered to "test co-operation between tanks and fighter bombers." The Army officers and enlisted men said they actually were glad that generals were there to watch the abortive attack and see "how tough the enemy has become." A regimental officer said that similar attacks will be necessary because the Chinese constantly are digging in closer and closer to UN lines and must be rooted out to protect the Allied defenses.

### Bank Director Resigns

London, Jan. 29. Sir Bernard Dicker, millionaire industrialist and motor magnate, announced today that he had resigned as a director of one of Britain's biggest banks because he said he might be charged with a currency offence.

The removal from the Board of the Midland Bank (gross assets £1,600,000,000 and over two thousand branches throughout the country) had been called for by his fellow directors. Previously, Sir Bernard had said he would appeal to the shareholders, but today he said he had resigned from his flat in Mayfair, London's fashionable quarter, and told them: "I am still fighting but I cannot fight on two fronts at once."

He said he must concentrate on "taking care of myself" in view of a persistent report that "some currency offence" charge was to be brought against him by the Treasury. He gave no details of the offence alleged. British travellers abroad are allowed a foreign exchange amounting to only £25 a year.—Reuter.

Fire destroyed several hundred tons of hemp stored in three warehouses near here. Damage was estimated at \$500 million lire. (£240,000).—Reuter.

## Eisenhower's Big Moment



## "Whodunit" Story Leads To Woman's Detention

Clovis, New Mexico, Jan. 29

A woman was held here today for the slaying of her baby after detectives had followed up a murder story she had written and found the skeleton of a newborn infant buried beneath a garage.

Sheriff Val Baumgart said that second degree murder charges would be filed against Mrs. Christina Sturm, 27, who wrote the story of the slaying as an unsolved mystery for entry in a detective fiction contest.

Baumgart said that Mrs. Sturm was arrested on Wednesday after officers had read the manuscript and hastened to the garage where they found the skeleton wrapped in brown paper and buried about eight inches beneath the dirt floor. The Sheriff said that Mrs. Sturm's former husband from whom she had divorced three weeks ago told him of the manuscript and "put us on the trail."

Baumgart estimated that the infant had been buried six years. He said that Mrs. Sturm wrote the story of its death about a year ago.

"PRETTY GOOD STORY" The crime probably would never have been discovered if she hadn't solved it for us in her unsolved mystery story," the Sheriff said. "It was an unsolved crime the way she wrote it and it would have remained really an unsolved crime if it hadn't been written. It was pretty good story for an amateur writer. It might have won the contest. If we hadn't got our hands on it first."

## FEDERATION PLAN

### African Territories At Stake

London, Jan. 29. British Colonial envoys today completed work on a blueprint for welding three British African territories—Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland—into a solid bloc of 6,400,000 Africans, 200,000 Europeans and 14,500 Asians.

They wound up a month-old conference on the federation scheme by signing an agreed report embodying the proposals which will be published simultaneously in the four countries concerned before the end of next week.

It will first be the subject of a referendum in Southern Rhodesia, where many of the 150,000 white settlers are opposed to the scheme, which they regard as the first step towards African self-government.

The scheme also has to go through the legislatures in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland and finally, if it surmounts the obstacles in the African territories, through the British Parliament.

The scheme may reshape the map of Africa by lumping 500,000 square miles of vastly rich country into a great federation between the Belgian Congo and the Union of South Africa.

ACID TEST It is regarded by both black and white as the acid test of the British policy in Africa.

Details of the decision reached during the conference here of British government representatives and delegates from the three African territories are still secret.

The blueprint report was signed by Lord Swinton, British Commonwealth Relations Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Colonial Secretary, Sir Godfrey Huggins, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, Sir Gilbert Renille, Governor of Northern Rhodesia, and Sir Godfrey Colby, Governor of Nyasaland.

In Southern Rhodesia, where the scheme faces the first big test, the voters are predominantly white settlers. And many of them are proud of having been a self-governing colony since 1923 and are chary of uniting with the two Protectorates in the populous "Black North," though an element of control from London continues there after federation.

African chiefs from Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland maintain that the great majority of voiceless Africans in the territories are also opposed to federation.

They see in it the doom of their hopes of self-government and fear that the two Protectorates will come under the domination of the strong settler-run state.

British political parties are also divided on the scheme, Labour maintaining that it is dangerous to push through the federation in the face of African opposition.—Reuter.

President Dwight Eisenhower waves to the crowd immediately after taking the oath of office as President of the United States. In the front of the inaugural stands are, left to right, ex-President Truman, ex-President Hoover, President Eisenhower, Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle and Vice-President Richard Nixon.—USIS photo.

### European Unity

### Germany

## "Must Be A Partner"

Paris, Jan. 29.

The French Government declared tonight that further steps towards European integration were impossible without treating Germany as a partner.

The statement, approved by the whole Cabinet, was issued as the Government tabled a bill to ratify the European Army Treaty and the contractual agreements with the Bonn Republic. Committees have now to examine the texts and Parliament is not expected to decide on ratification for at least three months.

Europe must pool its economic and military resources to meet the Soviet threat, the statement said.

"Only units organised in the scale of a continent can henceforth survive." At the same time, "however disappointing for the present attitude, it is essential that the door be left open for resumption of negotiations with the Soviet Union."

Referring to the treaty of reciprocal assistance signed between Britain and the European Defence Community last May, the French said it was "none the less resolved to pursue its efforts either to obtain full British participation or an intimate association with the EDC."

PRIME OBJECTIVE It is impossible to make any further progress towards European integration without normalising the relations between the Allies and Germany and without a political scheme in which the Federal Republic would no longer be treated as a defeated and occupied country but as a partner.

## Arms Scandal Trial Soon

Cairo, Jan. 29.

Twelve former senior Army and Navy officers and civil servants are to be brought to trial in connection with the Palestine arms scandal, an official source said here tonight.

The charges arise out of the alleged supply of faulty equipment to Egyptian troops during the 1948 Palestine war.

Prince Abbas Halim, a second cousin of ex-king Farouk, who appeared in court yesterday, is accused of having squandered \$397,440 (about £153,000) which he received from state funds as agent of a Swiss firm.

Prince Abbas Halim was first connected with the allegations that useless weapons were bought for the Army in September, 1948, when police searched his houses in Cairo and Alexandria and questioned him for eight hours.

Ex-king Farouk has also been linked with the "scandal" which some Egyptian officers and troops blamed for their defeat in the Palestine war.—Reuter.

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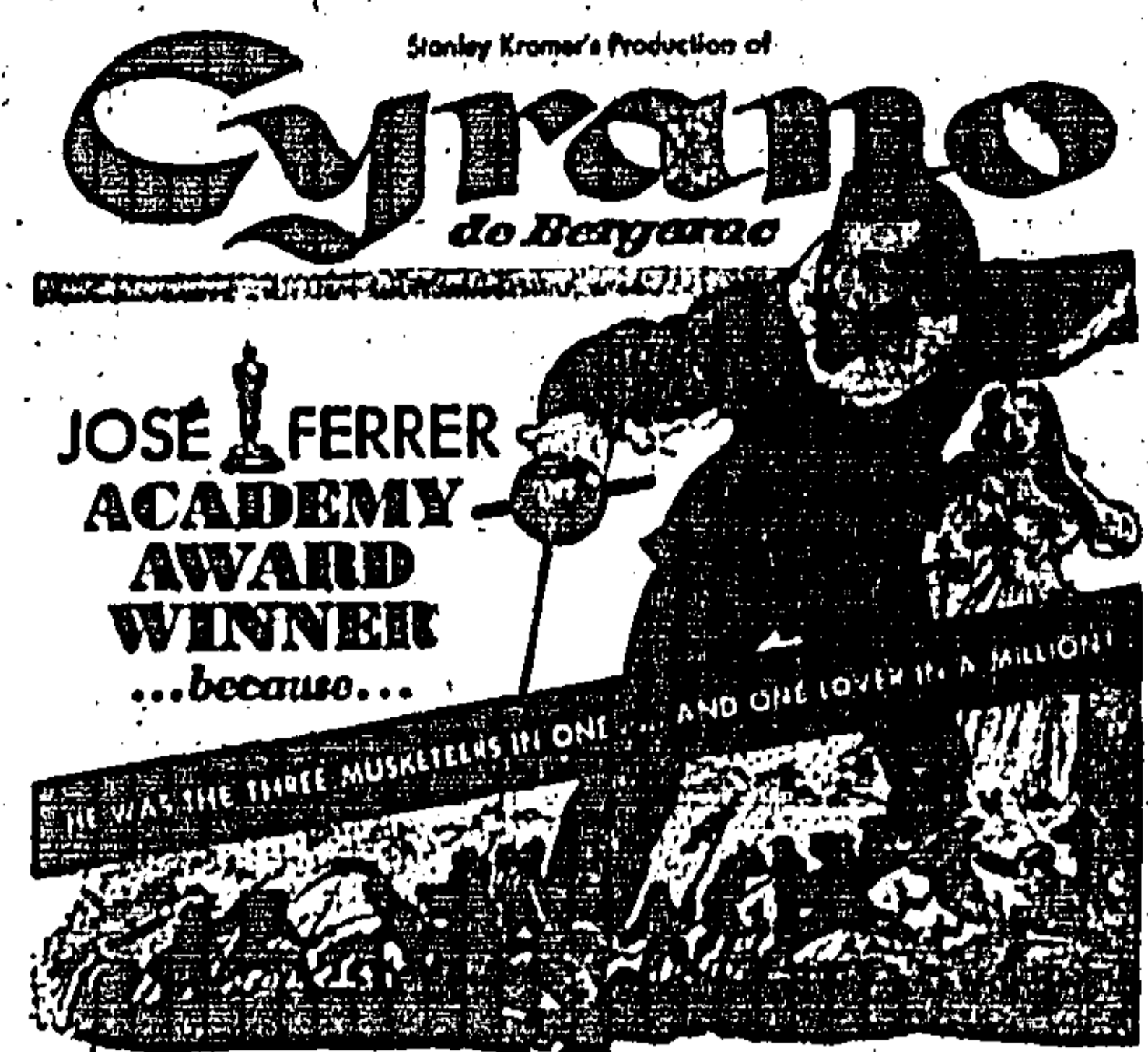
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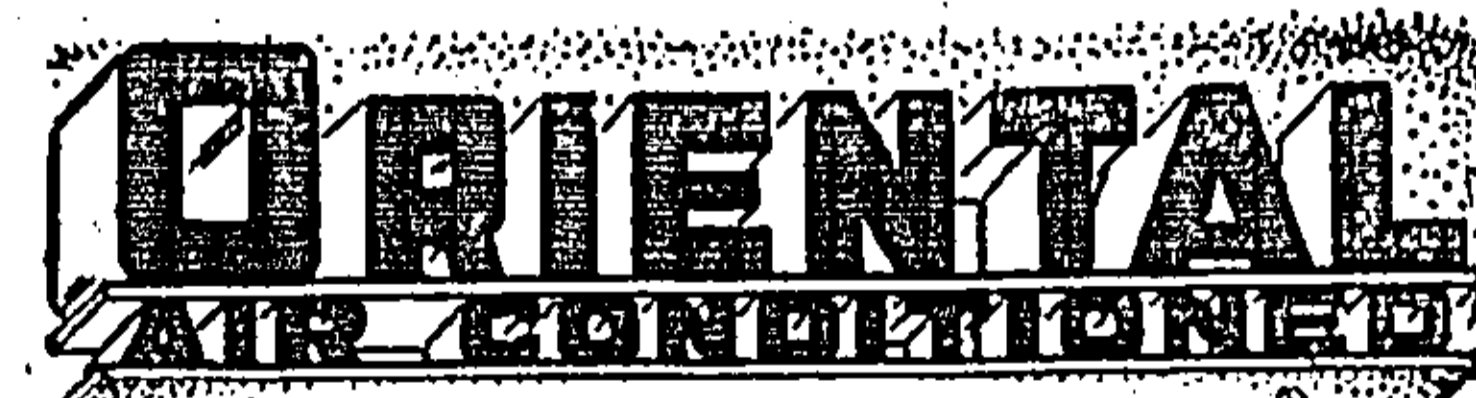
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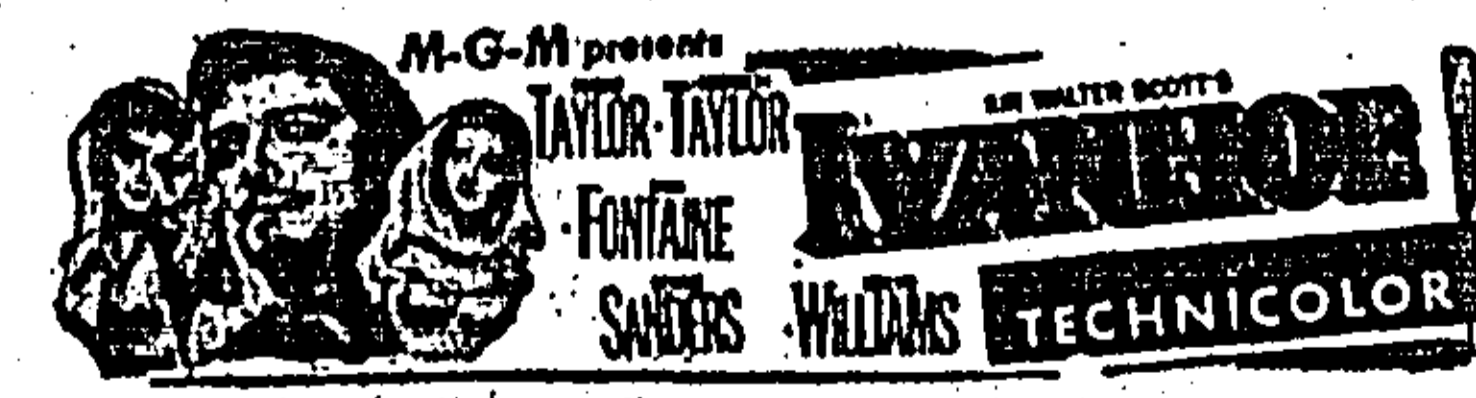
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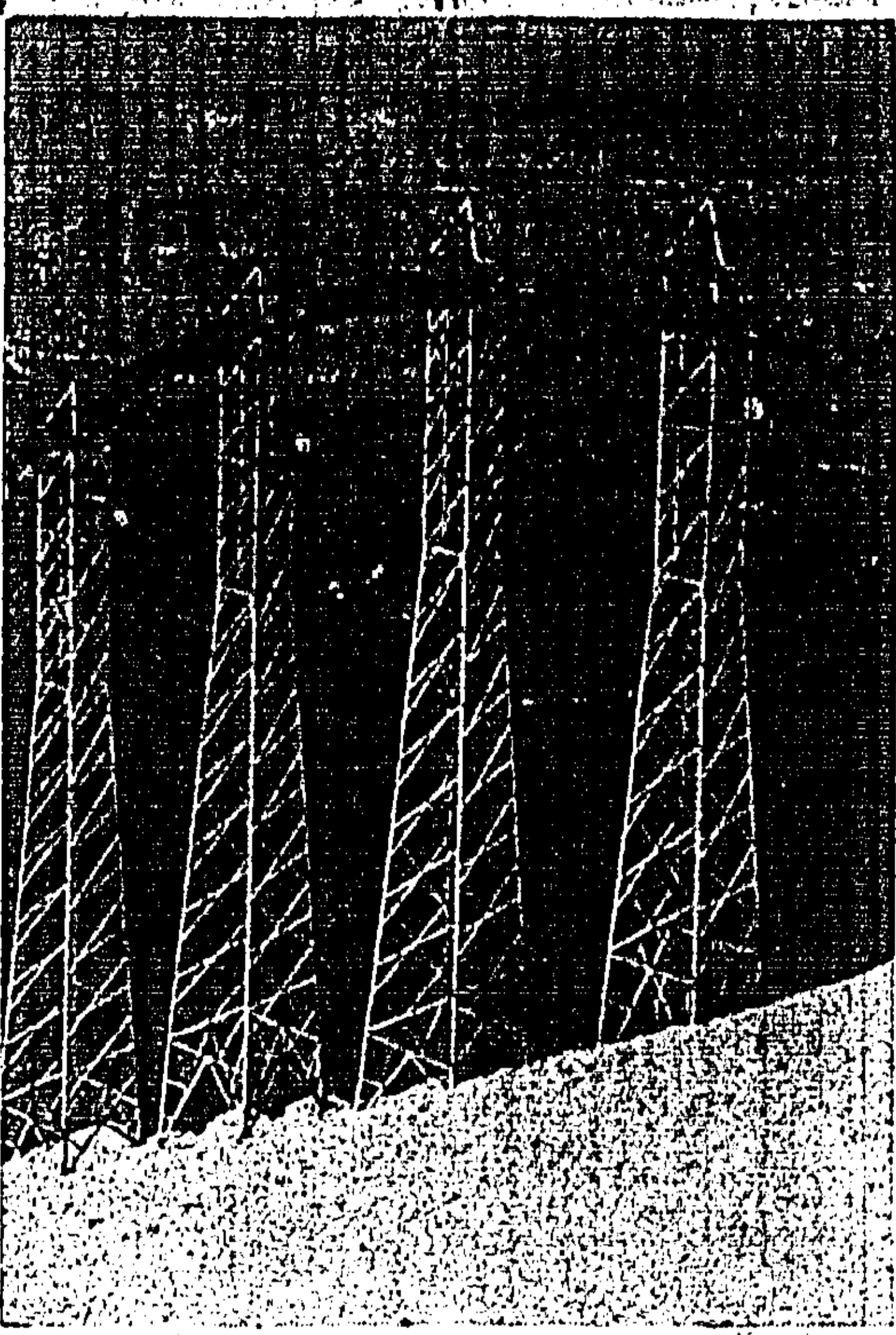


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## Committee Hears Arguments On "The" Appointment

Washington, Jan. 29.

Robert T. B. Stevens said today he would dispose of his stock in a family textile company if the Senate Armed Services Committee insists he must to win approval as Secretary of the Army. "If the Committee feels I should dispose of the stock," he said, "I am prepared to do so."

Mr Stevens, who earlier had asked for more time to decide the question, hoped the Committee members would not take quick action on the issue.

President Eisenhower presented his formal nomination to the Senate and, in advance of their activities, asked for hearings by the Senate Armed Services Committee on the nomination.

The hearings quickly developed that the Administration was relying heavily on an order issued by Charles E. Wilson, the new Secretary of Defense, to clear the way for approval of Mr Stevens and Mr Harold Talbot, Secretary of the Air Force-designate.

The Wilson order directs that any Defense Department official must turn over to some one else any business matter involving a concern in which he has an interest.

The Senate seemed inclined in advance to approve Robert Anderson, Secretary of the Navy-designate. He holds no stocks which have come into controversy.

#### QUITE CLEAR

Mr Stevens presented to the Committee an opinion from John W. Davis, one-time Democratic Presidential nominee, that he could retain his stock in the family concern and meet requirements of the law in the light of Mr Wilson's order.

But the Senators pressed him as to whether he would be willing to sell his stock if they insisted.

Mr Stevens made clear that he felt he should not be required to sell his stock in the J. B. Stevens Co., Inc., a major supplier of textiles for the Army.

If he had to do so, he said, he feared that other people whom

the Government might want to call into service might be unable to respond.

"I plead with the Committee to consider the best interests of the United States," he said.

At the outset of the hearings Chairman Leverett Saltonstall (Republican - Massachusetts) read a letter from President Eisenhower asking "for the hearing. He also called the Committee's attention to Mr Wilson's directive.

#### FIELD IN TRUST

The directive ordered Defense Department officials to step aside in any business dealing with concerns in which they hold stock or have interests.

Mr Stevens at first told the Committee he could not dispose of his stock interests in the J. B. Stevens Co., Inc., textile firm, because part of it is held in trust.

The J. P. Stevens Co. has large defense contracts for textiles.

Mr Stevens told the Senators he would sell all his other industrial stock.

Any decision now that he had to sell his stock would discourage other businessmen from going into Government, Mr Stevens said, adding: "It is my humble belief that it is in the public interest to call able men to serve their Government the requirement of me that I dispose of my Stevens stock would have a long and serious adverse effect on the willingness of those successful business executives to serve."

Mr Stevens said his company has about \$11,000,000 in contracts pending with the Government, representing the residue of about \$113,000,000 over the last year. But he noted that all purchasing is done by an Armed Services Textile and Apparel Procurement Agency, representing the Army, Navy and Air Force.—Associated Press.

## SLASHING ATTACK ON U.S. OVERSEAS ORGANISATION

### Americans' "Plush Living" Abroad Under Fire

Washington, Jan. 29.

Senator Olin D. Johnston (Democrat-South Carolina) today urged a sweeping overhaul of the Government's activities abroad, saying at least 100,000 employees overseas could be discharged.

He recommended not only an immediate reduction in "the variety, scope and size of our foreign programmes and activities" but major changes in the organisation and management of Government operations around the world.

His proposals were set out in a report submitted to Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, the Senate President. They were based on a survey Senator Johnston made last autumn, as Chairman of the Senate Civil Service Committee, of Federal pay and personnel practices in the Near East, Africa and Europe.

Senator Johnston said the number of overseas employees now on the payroll had been differently reported and could not be determined. However, late last year a Committee headed by Senator Harry Byrd (Democrat-Virginia) reported there were 164,222. This figure included 30,000 working in overseas territories of the U.S., including Alaska, and the Panama Canal Zone.

Senator Johnston said: "While great progress has been made in the execution of our many tremendous projects abroad... the very foundation of our foreign policy is being damaged by an underflow that is steadily increasing in pressure. 'This underflow derives its strength from streams of indecision, overlapping authority, duplication of effort, wasteful practices, overstaffing, and irresponsible and unco-ordinated supervision and direction.'"

#### LOSING GOODWILL

Senator Johnston also said "We are losing the respect and good will of the peoples in Western Europe despite the help they have received from this country in rebuilding their economies since the war."

He said "our wasteful practices", the large number and "plush living" of U.S. employees abroad, and the extent of the Government's operations tend to breed "distrust, suspicion, contempt and jealousy."

Senator Johnston, who has opposed many foreign aid appropriations, said billions of dollars could be saved if his recommendations were adopted. He said more than 100,000 employees overseas could be dismissed within a year.

Aside from the curtailment of what he called "useless" activities, Senator Johnston called for the development of uniform personnel policies for overseas employees, centralization of authority in the regular departments of Government, improved accounting and auditing procedures and, insofar as possible, elimination of "blanket" appropriations and transfers of funds for foreign activities.

#### OPEN TO QUESTION

Senator Johnston said the Civil Service Commission should take the lead in developing complete overseas personnel programme. As it is, he said, there is a lack of uniformity in pay, allowances, leave and other personnel matters.

In calling for centralisation of direction for overseas programmes Senator Johnston said that in Paris alone the Government has 40 separate agencies each with separate authority and responsibility.

Senator Johnston urged Congress to have independent accountants conduct an immediate audit of every appropriation from which funds for foreign programmes have been drawn.

Testimony was received, he said, that fraud and favoritism had entered in procurement operations. Senator Johnston did not know whether such allegations were true but declared: "The circumstances surrounding the letting of some large construction contracts are open to question."—Associated Press.

### To Fish For Secrets

Empoli, Jan. 29.

The Italian police plan a fishing expedition in Lake Como for some of Benito Mussolini's secret documents.

They said Emilio Burrel, driver of the late Dictator's speedboat, told them he dumped three large metal cases of the papers into the lake just before the end of World War II.

Burrel said he acted on Mussolini's orders.—Associated Press.

## RUSSIA AND THE A-BOMB

### Truman Views Get Some Support

Washington, Jan. 29.

President Truman today got some support for his doubt whether Russia had the atomic bomb. But all responsible officials here insisted that evidence that Russia had exploded an actual atom bomb in at least one of its three reported atomic tests was indisputable.

The Atomic Energy Commission last night chimed in with its own "anti-Truman" version.

Without saying anything about the Russian bomb, the AEC nevertheless made it clear its information-gathering circle around the Communist-dominated world was as nearly perfect as it could be and included apparatus that could detect not only radioactive particles but also minute particles of whatever matter the atomic explosive was engaged in when it was detonated.

Responsible atomic officials here pointed out that the nature of the reports on which the presidential announcements of Russian atomic explosions had been based left no doubt that Russia had exploded an actual bomb.

On the "pro-Truman" side of this controversy was the word of a prominent atom scientist, Dr Arthur Compton, who told newsmen in Beaumont, Texas, last night: "Russia has the scientific know-how to make atomic bombs, but whether it has the industrial and technical facilities is problematical."

Dr Compton voiced similar doubts two years ago and they were similarly brushed aside by the AEC chairman, Mr Gordon Dean, who said: "Russia does have the bomb."

The AEC made it clear Mr Dean was standing on this statement.—United Press.

### Akihito Plans Visit To The Vatican

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

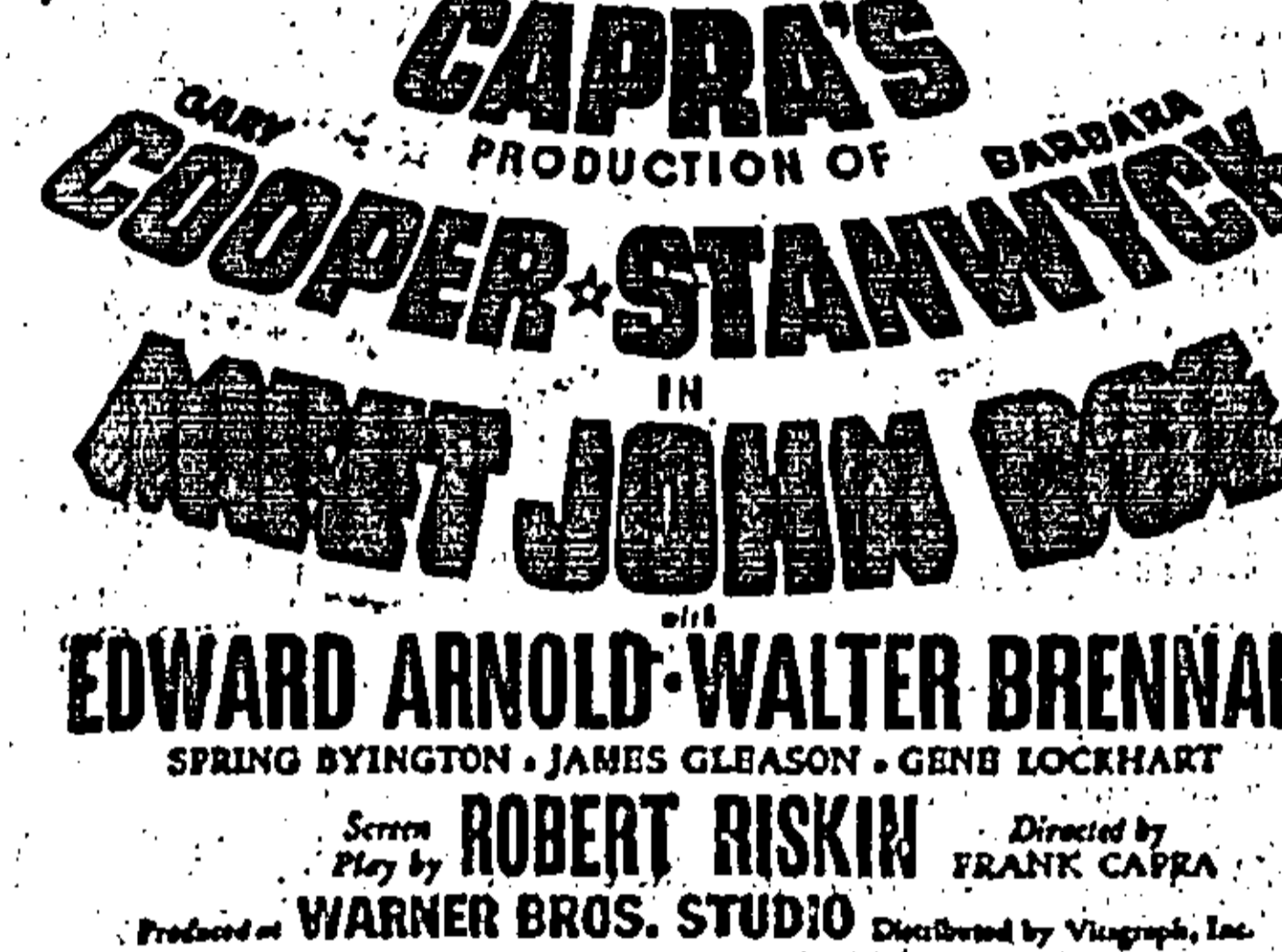
Crown Prince Akihito plans to visit West Germany and the Vatican in his coming tour of Europe and America. Neither West Germany nor Vatican City was included in the tentative schedule of the Crown Prince's itinerary announced by the Imperial Household Board on Jan. 27.—Associated Press.

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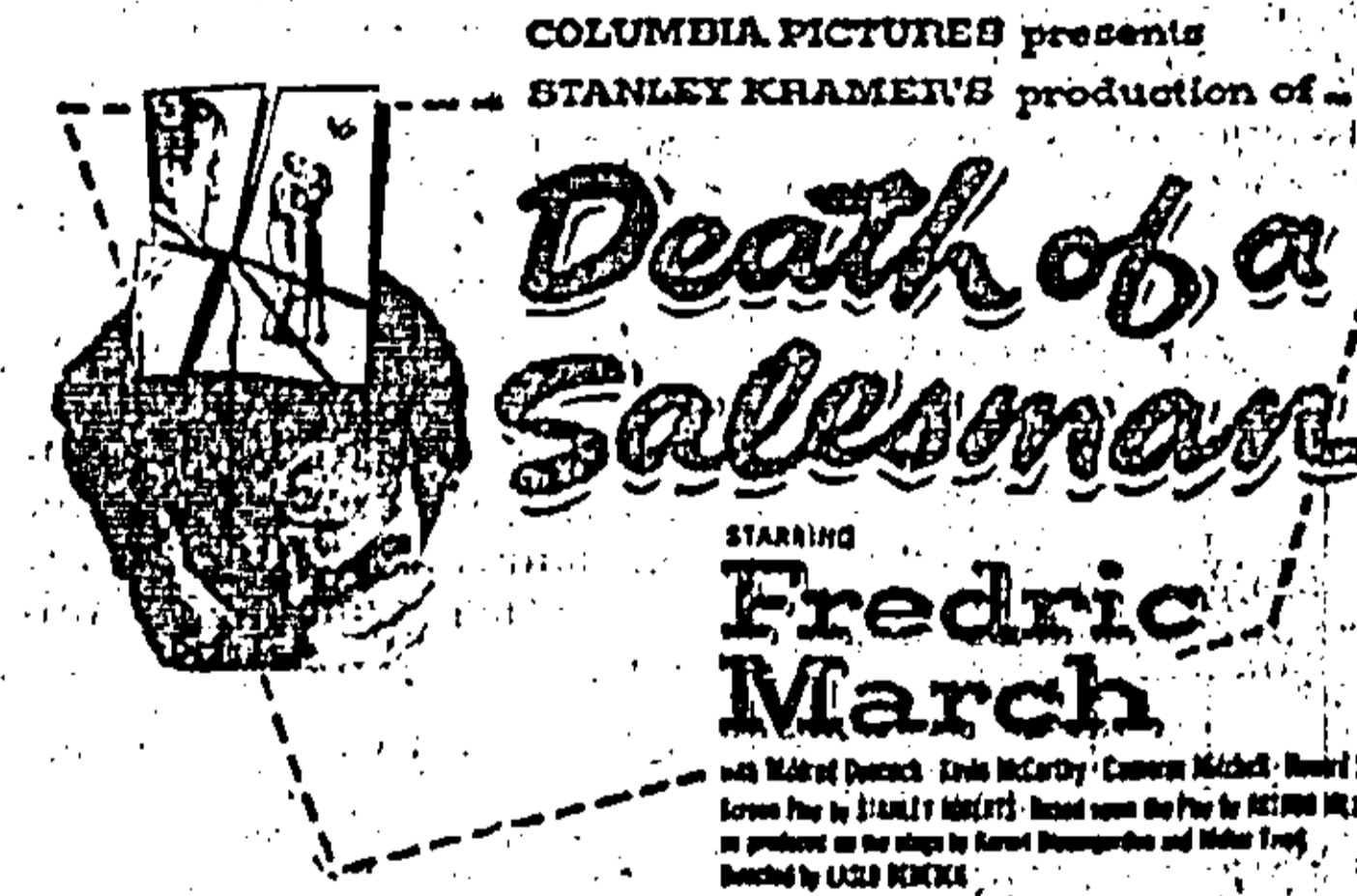
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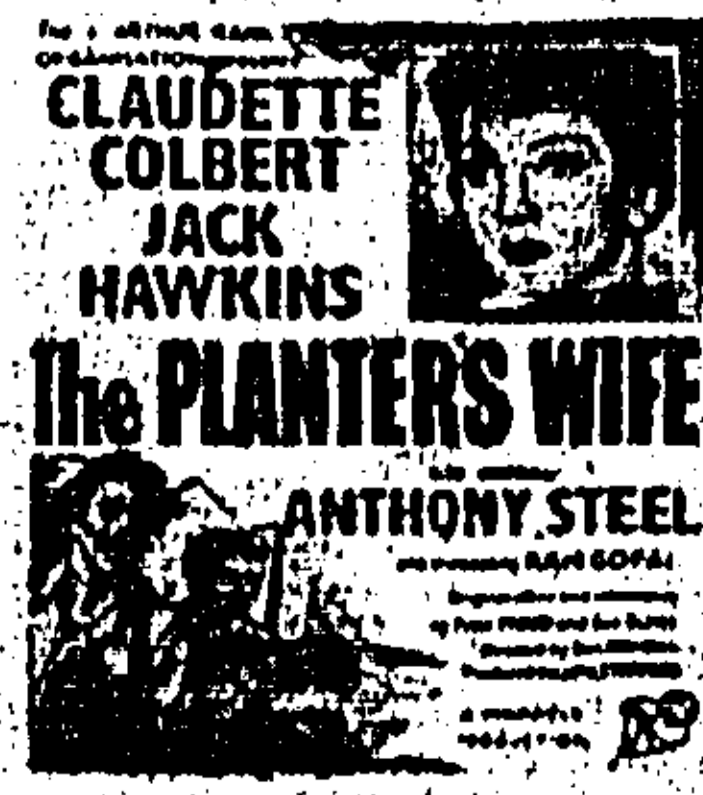
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## Tito Becomes President



Marshal Tito applauds after taking the oath of office before the Yugoslav Parliament to become the first President of his country. The post was created as a result of constitutional changes and Tito was elected by 568 votes to one. — Express Photo.

## Austerity Conditions In Britain Disappearing

London, Jan. 29.

Little by little, the things that go to make living a bit more pleasant are coming back to this island.

Bananas, new cars, white bread, nylons, sweets—something every week or so, but so gradually that it is hardly noticed, and the people are almost unaware that the maze of restrictions and the austerities that have endured since war-time are slowly disappearing.

The Conservative Government of Mr. Winston Churchill can take part, though certainly not all, of the credit.

So insured are we to austerity that the Socialists actually raised a howl when it was announced that eggs would go off the ration this Spring. But they found little public response to the arguments that eggs would cost more, for the unanswerable reply was that at least there would be eggs.

Coronation Year is partly responsible for the improvement, for the British naturally want to put their best foot forward for the hundreds of thousands of foreigners who will be here for the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II.

All of these relaxations are not altogether a healthy sign, however.

For example, Australia so slashed her import of British-made cars that motorists who thought last Summer that they would have to wait three years or so for a new car now find

the home market changing to a buyer's one.

The tip-off came with the removal of the covenant forbidding the re-sale of a new car for two years. It had been imposed to counter the sharp operators who knew the used car price of a car driven 10 miles was higher than the showroom quotation. Now that safeguard is no longer necessary.

From February 1 motorists, for the first time since the war years, will be able to fill their tanks with the brand of petrol they prefer. Hitherto, all petrol has been pooled and every filling station sold the same mixture no matter what the signpost said.

It has also been announced that the loaf of white bread, unavailable since the first war years, will shortly be back on shelves. For 10 years, Britons have had only a dark flour bread. It was nourishing, but it was not delicious.

Tea went off the ration shortly after Christmas, bananas about the same time. Sweets are expected to be made ration-free before June. Scotch whisky production for the home market is up slightly.

## NOT ALL SWEETNESS

But no one should get the idea that all is now sweetness and light for the British family. A meat ration for a week is 1/4d. per person with not much sign of any radical change. Cigarettes cost 3/6d. a pack.

The Briton on holiday can take only £25 out of the country. That does not mean very gay times in the night-spots of Paris or the ski resorts of Switzerland and, of course, makes an American trip impossible.

The coal ration is so small that many Americans here—who do not agree that chilly houses are healthy—run out of fuel between Thanksgiving and Christmas and are now taxing Yankee ingenuity to the utmost to keep warm until Spring.—United Press.

## GANDHI MEMORIAL PILLARS

New Delhi, Jan. 30.

More than 100 inscribed memorial pillars are to be erected throughout India in places associated with Mahatma Gandhi, who was assassinated by a Hindu fanatic at a prayer meeting five years ago today.

But the pillars will be only a small part of the tributes planned by the Gandhi Memorial Fund, built up by the rupees of the rich and the annas of the poor to more than ten crores of rupees (£7,500,000).

Five years after being shot, Mahatma Gandhi is already a legendary figure, whose moral and political influence runs deep not only in India but also throughout the world.

Garlanded portraits of the Mahatma decorate every public hall in the country and preside over every Congress meeting.

Four museums are to be built by the Memorial Fund to contain the relics of the Mahatma, who revolutionized and led India to freedom through non-violence.—Reuter.

## "Pompey" Preparing For Review

Portsmouth, Jan. 29.

In the sailor's town of Portsmouth, base of the Home Fleet, preparations are well under way for the Coronation Naval review, showpiece of the town's Coronation celebrations.

The Fleet, with visiting warships and representatives of the Merchant Navy, will lie in the channel between the Isle of Wight and the mainland, and naval authorities say that spectators should have an excellent view from both shores.

Arrangements for the review have not been finalised as yet, but it is expected that the Queen will sail through the ranks of ships in the frigate "Surprise", which has been in use as the personal yacht of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, and is now being refitted at Portsmouth.

Naval aircraft, from carriers attached to the Fleet, will also have a greater part in the review than hitherto, according to informed sources.

The largest ship in the review will be the battleship Vanguard, flagship of the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, in which the Royal Family sailed to South Africa for their tour in 1947.

Consideration is also being given to suggestions that a review of the yachting fleet be included in the ceremonies.—United Press.

## RED TURNS TO THE CHURCH

Rome, Jan. 29.

Rome's Independent newspaper Messaggero reported today that Aldo Togliatti, son of the Italian Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, has made a complete break with his father's political ideology and is approaching the Catholic Church.

The Rome newspaper said the youth was reported to have contacted Maurizio Cardinal Fossati, Archbishop of Turin.—Associated Press.

## Talks On European Transport Pool

Paris, Jan. 29.

Transport Ministers from eight European countries met in Paris today to take the first tentative steps toward unifying their transport systems.

The French Transport Minister, Andre Morice, last December invited 11 countries to meet in an effort to set up a European transport pool, something like the already-operating Schuman coal-steel pool.

Britain, Spain and Portugal—all at extremes of Europe's transport systems—declined.

Those represented today are France, Italy, West Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Among the measures the three-day conference in the French Foreign Ministry will study are:

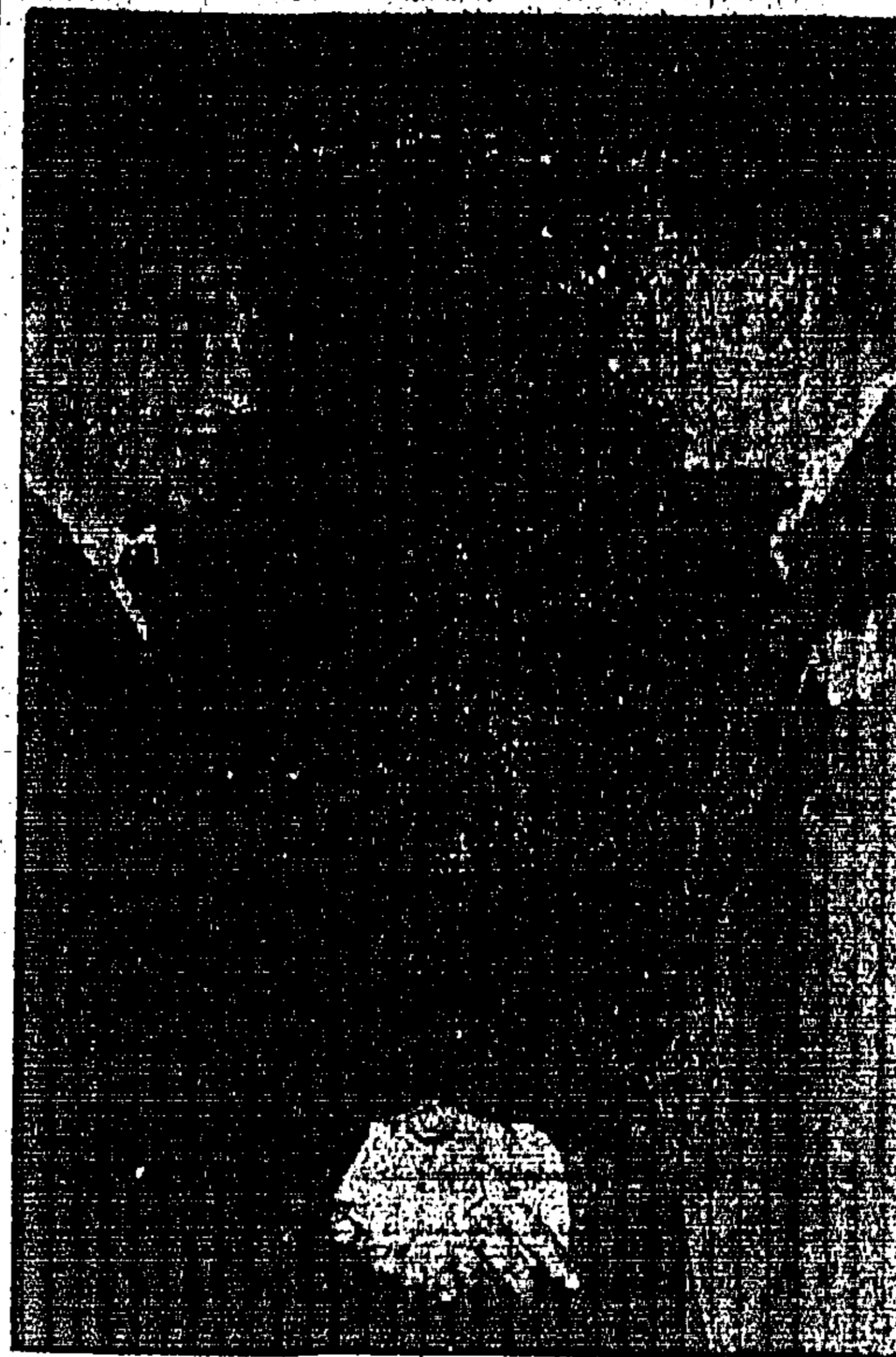
1—A plan to extend the present arrangements for pooling freight cars at all member countries.

2—Standardization of railroad equipment.

3—Unification, where possible, of railroad tariffs.

4—Co-ordination of trunk highways and canals used for international traffic.

## Anglo-Egyptian Talks



Sir Ralph Stevenson, Britain's Ambassador to Egypt, calls on Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mahmoud Fawzi, and hands to him a new draft agreement for a settlement of the Sudan problem.—Express Photo.

## Coronation Hotel Charges Queried

London, Jan. 29.

The Government today replied to suggestions that the record number of tourists expected here for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth might get fleeced by hotels.

Brigadier Mackeson, Secretary for Overseas Trade, refused, under Labourite questioning, to make public what rates will be asked during Coronation Week.

But he admitted he was wrong when he said last month that no hotel would increase its prices more than 50 per cent.

## A Look Into The Future

Washington, Jan. 29.

Lt. Gen. James Doolittle quoted military sources today as saying that America eventually would produce rocket engines with a 500,000-pound thrust developing speeds approaching 20,000 miles an hour.

General Doolittle, who led the first air raid on Tokyo in the last war, made this statement in an article written for "Planes", magazine of the Aircraft Industries Association.

He also said future jet fighter planes would fly faster than 4,000 miles an hour and that jet passenger planes to link New York and Los Angeles (an air distance of 2,458 miles) in four hours were being designed by the United States aircraft industry.—Reuter.

## B.O.A.C. PLANS FOR AFRICA

London, Jan. 29.

Sir Miles Thomas, Chairman of British Overseas Airways, today forecast a more intensive use of air services for the whole of the African continent.

Comet jets airliner services are to be increased and speeded up, he said, to return from a visit to Johannesburg.

Tourist services, about 25 per cent cheaper than present rates, are to be opened in conjunction with South African Airways later this year.

Sir Miles flew into London Airport in a Comet from a 12,000-mile business trip to Central and South Africa.—Reuter.

## Promise Made To Israel

Bonn, Jan. 29.

The West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, has promised that his Government would pay the first \$47,000,000 instalment of German-Israel reparations within the next two months.

At the same time, the 77-year-old "Christian Democrat" announced that the pact would be submitted to Parliament for ratification later this week.

despite Arab threats of an economic boycott against Germany if the \$822,000,000 agreement becomes effective.

German Government spokesmen disclosed that Dr. Adenauer made these promises to Dr. Nahum Goldman, President of the Jewish World Congress, on Monday. Claims against Germany, when the latter met with the Chancellor two days ago.

Dr. Adenauer told correspondents yesterday that he had assured Dr. Goldman that the Israel Government need not worry about Germany fulfilling her promises.—United Press.

## BALKAN PACT NEGOTIATIONS MAKE PROGRESS

Athens, Jan. 29.

Speaking at a Press conference today the Turkish Foreign Minister, Fuad Koprulu, underlined the importance of his talks with the Yugoslavs in Belgrade.

The Yugoslavs, he said, see present and future events and necessities with remarkable clarity and realism.

Like Greece and Turkey, the Yugoslavs are in friendly contact with these countries a "happy event which in our interest and the interest of peace every one of the three countries must develop," he said.

Referring to his talks with the Greeks in Athens, M. Koprulu said, "We have decided to continue our conversations with Yugoslavia with a view to reaching more concrete results. This is a work of peace and reinforcement of security in the interests of all free countries open to the same danger."

M. Koprulu declined to answer questions such as how soon he expected the tripartite pact now being negotiated between the three countries will be signed or anything about its contents.

Asked whether Italy might oppose signature of the pact when it is submitted to the NATO Council for ratification, M. Koprulu said, "You are putting me in an embarrassing position."

He however, expressed the hope that no pact aiming at collective security would find any opposition on the part of anyone.

Asked whether Italy would join the pact, M. Koprulu said the pact, aimed at security, will be joined by as many countries as possible.

M. Koprulu disclosed that he had invited the Greek Foreign Minister, Stephanos Stephanopoulos, to visit Ankara but no date had been set yet.

He concluded by expressing the firm conviction that the pact will eventually be signed but could not say how soon.—Associated Press.

## Amnesty For War Criminals?

Tokyo, Jan. 30.

A senior official of the Japanese Supreme Prosecutor's Office said today that he believed France would grant a general amnesty to Japanese war criminals still in their custody in the near future.

The official, Deputy Chief Prosecutor Yoshinori Kishimoto, who has just returned from the International Criminal Law and Prison Conference in Europe, said that he had talked to law officials of Britain, France and the Netherlands regarding early release of Japanese war criminals held by them.

Mr. Kishimoto said he had learned from French officials that France would soon grant an amnesty to Japanese war criminals. Two amnesties have already been granted — on Bastille Day in 1957 and 1951.

Mr. Kishimoto said that he had discovered through negotiation with the Japanese section of the Netherlands Foreign Office that neither Japan nor the Netherlands possessed copies of the court sentences, the only material on which releases can be based.

Both Japan and the Netherlands had taken steps to get copies from the Indonesian Government.

Mr. Kishimoto said the chairman of the British War Criminals Release Committee had told him: "I fully understand the feeling of the Japanese people, but I would like the Japanese people to understand the sentiments of the many people here in Britain who suffered at the hands of the Japanese army."

Mr. Kishimoto said the Dutch seemed to be of the same opinion.—Reuter.

## "Wanted" Man In Bonn?

Bonn, Jan. 29.

Franz Rademacher, German war criminal believed to have escaped abroad after being convicted of responsibility in the wartime killing of 1,300 Serbian Jews in Yugoslavia, is now suspected of being in Bonn, the West German capital.

A woman friend of Rademacher was detained recently for a time on suspicion that she aided his flight. He was thought to have gone either to South America or East Germany.

Rademacher, former official in the Nazi Foreign Ministry, was sentenced to three years and five months imprisonment by a German court in Nuremberg last March.

He appealed against the sentence and was released from arrest in August. The release was later rescinded at the request of the prosecution, but Rademacher had by then disappeared.—Reuter.

## Goering Land Forfeit

Vienna, Jan. 29.

The property in Austria of late Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, former Nazi leader, has been declared forfeit to the State under the War Criminals Law by a Linz Court.

The property, valued at about 300,000 schillings (about £25,000), consists of Mautendorf Castle in Salzburg province, which was left to Goering during the war under the will of its owner, Elizabeth Eppenstein.

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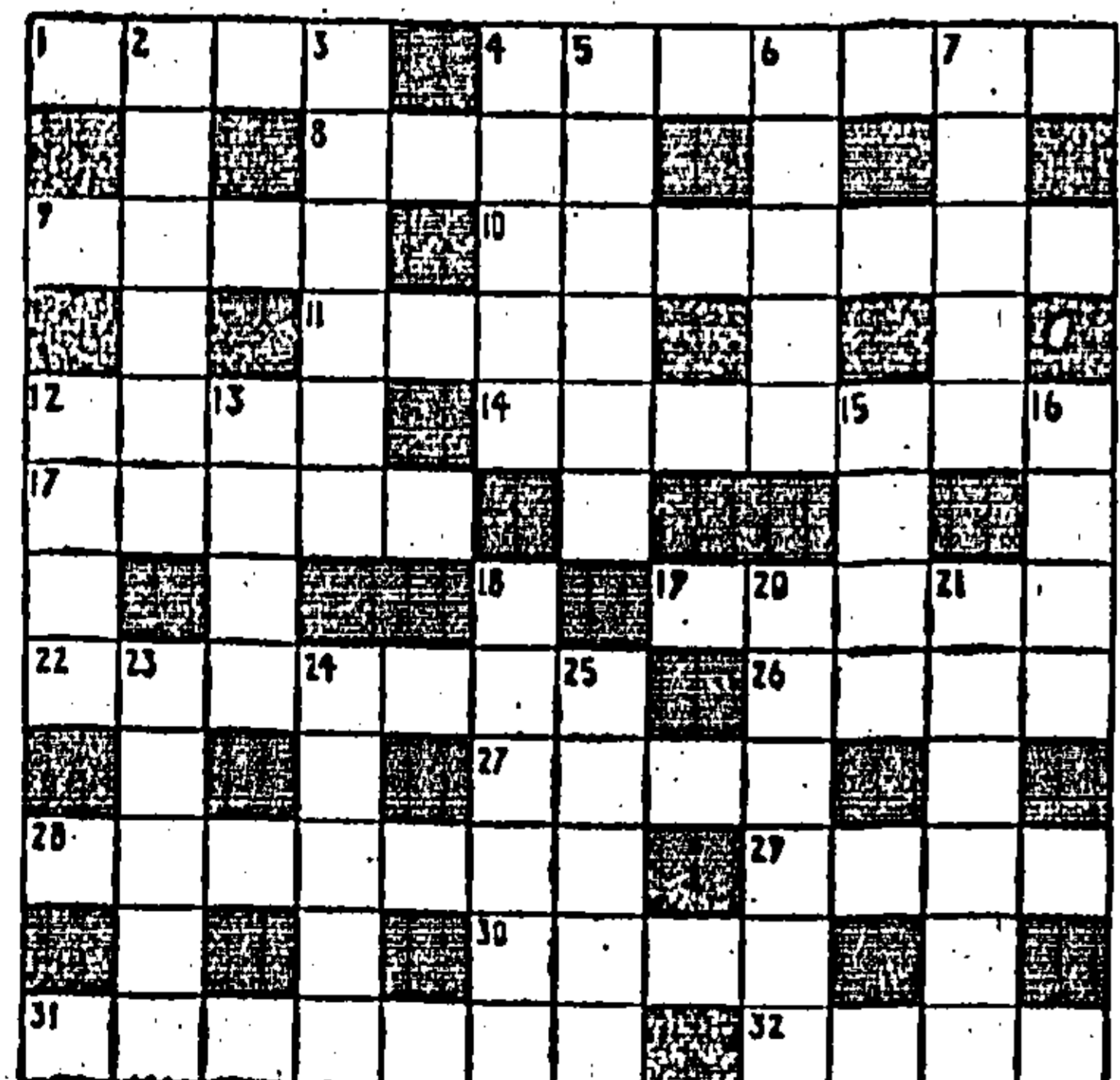
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## A British Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- 1 Error.
- 4 Layer.
- 8 Opulent.
- 9 Emblem of saintliness.
- 10 Indemnities.
- 11 Prejudice.
- 12 Measure out.
- 14 Festivity.
- 17 Eat away.
- 19 Shell.
- 22 Torture.
- 26 Aggravated.
- 27 Lair.
- 28 Church.
- 29 Shivering fit.
- 30 Discover.
- 31 Thrust oneself in.
- 32 Simmer.

## DOWN

- 2 Idler.
- 3 Examined.
- 4 Flight.
- 5 School or college exercise.
- 6 On high.
- 7 Superior.
- 12 Fitting.
- 13 Journey.
- 15 Lacerate.
- 16 Sward.
- 18 Really.
- 20 Attempts.
- 21 Bird.
- 23 Constellation.
- 24 Misdemeanor.
- 25 Concise.

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.** Across: 1 Ghosts, 5 Doubt, 8 Refect, 9 Ordinal, 10 Final, 11 Mavis, 12 Leap, 13 Codes, 16 Dominica, 18 Carrot, 20 Gleebe, 22 Vica, 23 Rails, 25 Broad, 26 Depend, 27 Defer, 28 Shide, 29 Degree, Down: 1 Growing, 2 Ordinance, 3 Trim, 4 Senator, 5 Deficit, 6 Orison, 7 Brack, 14 Dominica, 15 Straddle, 16 Breaded, 17 Moulded, 19 Abrade, 21 Lurch, 24 Sure.

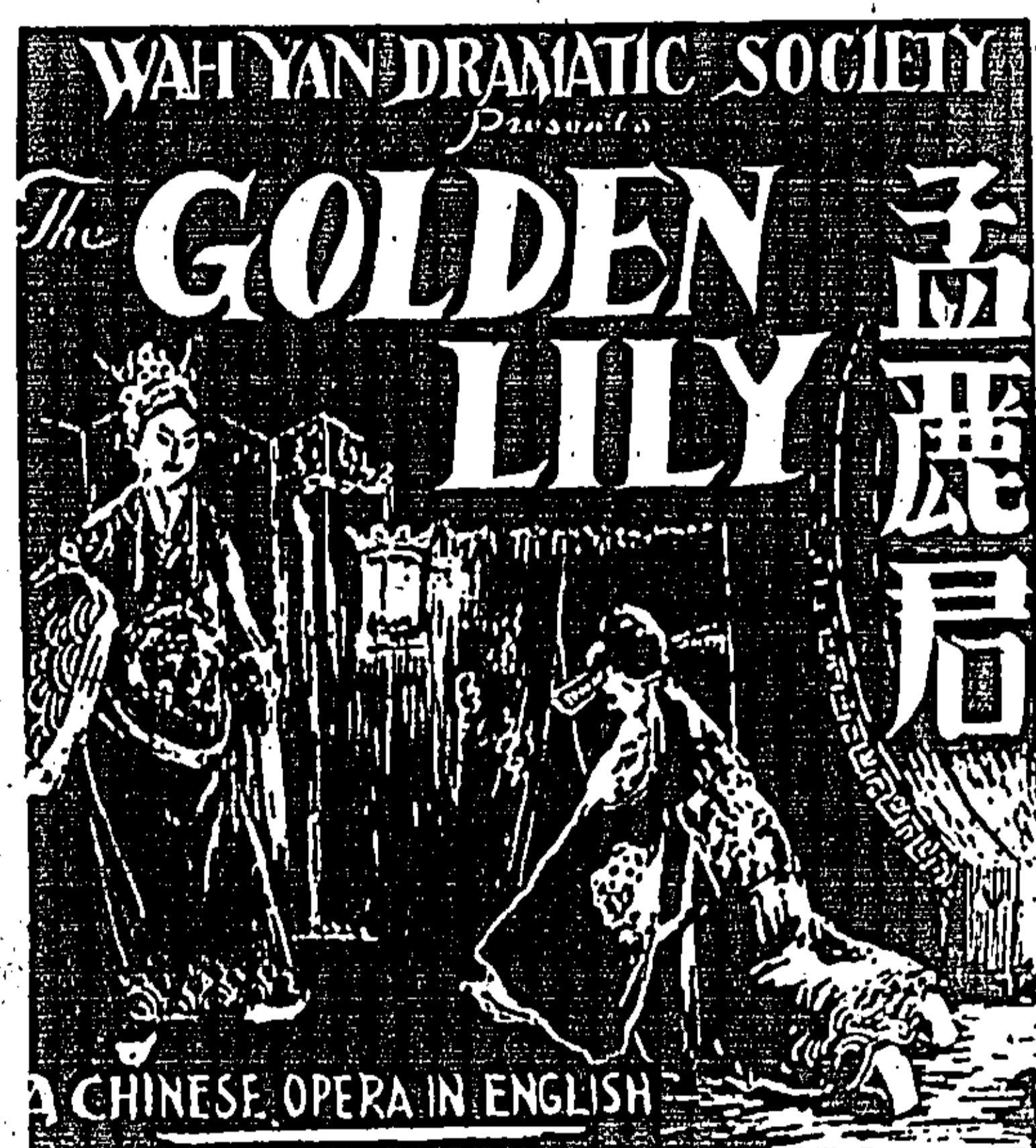


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ON THE TRAIL OF THE STURGEON  
"Thank you, no—we've had fish once this week."

R.M. MacColl's

NEW Column

## I'm Back Home—And What Do I Find!



WHILE they are busy with plans to keep undesirable out of the West End during Coronation time, somebody, on a much higher level, ought to overhaul the system of deciding just who should get presented to members of the Royal Family.

There are now so many opportunities at the various "gala premieres" which have become fashionable in the past few years.

It is time that some of the advisers at Buckingham Palace were told the facts of life. In this Coronation Year it is surely the duty of those bearing the responsibility of saying who shall be presented to our Royal Family to get a lot more choosy.

The Hollywood interests do not care, of course. The more the merrier as far as they are concerned, and let the past take care of itself.

But I think the Palace advisers are being just a shade naive when they accept, apparently without question, the bona fides of a man simply because he has attained fame as an entertainer. While people are still ousted from the Royal Enclosure at Ascot because there is a divorce on their dossier, it might be a good thing to inspect the back records of the public entertainers who show up in London with a rather sharper eye before the red carpet is unfurled for them.



IN the United States many people are concerned over the behaviour of the police. There are frequent complaints of brutality and over-egerness to start gunplay. By contrast, Britain's police are alured to with admiration. But what an odd episode was after the Dalketh wedding in Scotland the other day. As the honeymooning couple drove away a police car fell in behind them as escort. Then, it seems, the police slowed their car broadside across the roadway, thus barring the public thoroughfare.

MacCOLL IS HOME FROM AMERICA, WHERE HIS LIVELY MIND AND PEN HAVE INTERPRETED BRILLIANTLY THE NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES TO READERS. TODAY HE BEGINS HIS PERSONAL COLUMN... DATED IN LONDON

not only to the reporters who were trying to do a routine job of work, but to other users of the highway.

The Earl of Dalketh's is doubtless an exalted title, and there were famous guests at his wedding. But was he not just another private citizen in a car when the police decided to get into the act?

Surely citizen Dalketh doesn't really need a carload of coppers to set up roadblocks in his wake?

### FRUMPISH

THE standard of dressing displayed by the women of London depresses me considerably.

Yes, I know that "there is not much money about," and that most women have far more to cope with than they used to have.

But if a woman really wants to make herself presentable she will manage it, whatever the obstacles and discouragements. Where did this dreadful fashion—if that is the word—come from of wearing floppy snowboots which extend half way up the shin? Sometimes it seems that the whole of London is peopled with a race of booted frumps.

The boots may be desirable in snow or fog—but must they also be sported when the weather is fine?

And why all the head scarves? Since when have the women of this great capital set out to ape Central European peasants?

### WAKE UP, TV

I MISSED Royal Academy President Sir Gerald "Sweetie Pie" Kelly on TV the other night. But to me the impact of British TV since I got back to London a few weeks ago has been about as invigorating as an income tax demand.

Much of the stuff one sees on American screens is inept and vapid—but at least it moves at a great pace. The "Down You Go" programme by

The panel looks about as relaxed as if it were awaiting a grilling by the NKVD.

But in any case, why must we slavishly copy American ideas on the air?

Surely parlour games are not scarce here in England? Try a good vicarage some time, BBC.

### IGNORANT

EVERY so often I and my erstwhile colleagues of the New York and Washington Press corps were belaboured with the accusation that it was largely our fault that Britain is not better informed about USA.

But I scarcely feel that we can be held responsible for a lack of elementary education.

At dinner the other night a fairly senior member of London University, asked me seriously if Mexico is a dependency of the USA (Mexico has been a fully independent and fiercely proud nation since 1810).....

### LAST LEAK?

IT is just possible that the latest "leak" from Washington—about the confidential conversation on the Middle East between Mr. Churchill and Secretary of State Dean Acheson at a private British Embassy dinner party—may turn

talk fast and give the impression of being relaxed?

## Now-TV while they shirk

From RALPH HEWINS: Stockholm. SNOOPING by TV is being introduced into Russian factories. This is being done, says the Russian magazine Literary Gazette, "to bring workshop operations into the manager's view without his having to leave his desk or the workman to leave his bench."

Mass education by TV is also being developed "to serve the Stalin programme for building Communist society."

And big screens are coming into use so that conferences can be held simultaneously in several cities "without busy executives having to make the trip to Moscow" for conferences in the Kremlin and elsewhere.

The ultimate aim is "to endow every Russian with TV."

To this end a nationwide TV network is being built up, it is claimed, with three types of apparatus: Mass-produced, inexpensive, family sets; big screens for group viewing; and sets for inter-town transmission.

The "inexpensive" sets cost from £110 to £225. (About twice the price of TV sets in Britain.)

A screen 15½ ins. by 23½ ins. is being installed in workers' clubs and assembly halls, so that 40 viewers at a time can look in.

And experiments are being made with a screen 35½ ins. by 47 ins. for hotels and hospitals, and one 5½ by 4½ for big crowds.

But at present Russia has only about 10,000 sets in all—in Moscow, Leningrad, and Kiev. (About one set to every 2,000 people in Russia—against one to every 25 in Britain.)

The range is about 70 miles. A new TV station is being built at Kharkov. But Stalin has a long way to go before his nationwide TV network is complete. The Government paper, Izvestia, admits there are "formidable difficulties."

## ODD, THE THINGS I DO Interviewing a cat

By Bernard Wicksteed

London. JUST as I was going for lunch someone in the office said: "Be a good chap and pop up to the BBC. They've got a cat there giving a Press conference."

So I missed my lunch and leaped into a taxi. There wasn't even time to buy a kipper for the cat.

The celebrity that caused this flutter in Fleet Street is a Siamese queen called Tai Lu. (All female cats are queens). She is about to mince on the air in Lionel Gamlin's programme "Hello There."

She has been on TV, and has had two books written about her imaginary adventures. She is also insured for £500 against theft, arson, food poisoning, and accidental motherhood.

As it happened it was a good job I didn't buy her a kipper, because under the terms of her insurance policy she is not allowed to eat pork or fish with bones in it.

Tai Lu was ushered into the studio in a basket and let out. She took one look at the photographers and me with my notebook at the ready and dashed off to hide under a grand piano.

Billy Thatcher, her owner and biographer, coaxed her out. He bent down under the piano and made a noise like a mouse.

The photographers wanted a picture of her mincing into a microphone, but Tai Lu had other ideas and wouldn't pose. So a publicity man who had arranged the conference went off to the BBC canteen to get some meat. Tai Lu was still choosy.

Eventually someone had the great idea of putting a piece of meat on the mike itself. Like forked lightning the cat grabbed it. Flash, flash went the photographers' bulbs.

Tai Lu was taken out of the studio in her basket and I realised too late that I hadn't asked her a single question. Silly sort of Press conference I call it.

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# RANGERS ARE FAVOURITES FOR THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

## Celts May Help Them Win The Flag

By JIMMY CARABINE

Rangers are favourites to win the League Championship—and old rivals Celtic may help them to do it. East Fife and Hibs, the two clubs above Rangers at present, visit Celtic Park on the last two Saturdays in March.

And long before then the injured stars Boden, Fallon, Ballie and Walsh are expected to be back in the Parkhead team.

Apart from this, the Ibrox men seem to have an earlier programme than their two rivals.

At present East Fife, with 27 points, hold a one-point lead over Hibs with the same number of games played. But the Celtic club have still to visit Easter Ross.

Rangers are two points behind Hibs and three behind the leaders, but have two games in hand of both—and East Fife are due at Ibrox on Saturday week.

### REMAINING FIXTURES

Here are the remaining fixtures of the top three:

**East Fife: Home—Aberdeen, Partick Thistle, Airdrie, Celtic, St. Mirren; Away—Hearts, Rangers, Dundee, Third Lanark, Celtic Hibs.**

**Rangers: Home—East Fife, Falkirk, Clyde, Motherwell, Hearts, Airdrie, Dundee; Away—Dundee, Queen of the South, Raith Rovers, Aberdeen, Partick Thistle, Motherwell.**

**Hibs: Home—Clyde, Third Lanark, East Fife, Partick Thistle, Raith Rovers; Away—Falkirk, Airdrie, Dundee, St. Mirren, Celtic, Aberdeen.**

If all three clubs win their remaining home games and average a point from each of their away matches, Rangers will finish Champions with 44 points. East Fife will total 43 and Hibs 42.

### RELEGATION ZONE

Now to the relegation zone, where any of the bottom nine clubs could take the plunge into B Division. Let's look at the bottom four clubs.

My old club Third Lanark have played 20 games and, with only 13 points, look doomed. Also in great danger are Raith Rovers, Dundee and Hearts.

Raith are only one point behind Dundee with the same number of games played (18). Hearts have a point more than the Dens Park club and two more than the Kirkcaldy club, but they have two games more played. Here are their remaining fixtures:

**Hearts: Home—Dundee, Queen of the South, Aberdeen, Raith Rovers, Clyde, East Fife; Away—Celtic, Falkirk, Motherwell, Rangers.**

**Dundee: Home—Rangers, East Fife, Hibs, Third Lanark, Celtic, Falkirk; Away—Hearts, St. Mirren, Airdrie, Partick Thistle, Queen of the South, Hibs.**

**Raith Rovers: Home—Partick Thistle, Clyde, Rangers, Falkirk, Airdrie; Away—Third Lanark, Aberdeen, Motherwell, Hearts, Queen of the South, Hibs, St. Mirren.**

**Third Lanark: Home—Raith Rovers, Celtic, St. Mirren, East Fife; Away—Motherwell, Hibs, Dundee, Airdrie, Clyde, Partick Thistle.**

I have a feeling that Raith Rovers will stay in "A" Division. In the last four matches they have defeated Celtic and Dundee away and at home have beaten Hibs and drawn with East Fife.

### "CUT THROAT"

Between now and the end of the season, however, there are several "cut throat" matches between the bottom clubs and a lot depends on the results of these. But one of the clubs in the middle of the League at present could come tumbling down and help the others.

It seems easier to pick the clubs who will be promoted. Hamilton and Stirling Albion are "out on their own" at present and should stay there.

But who is going to win the flag? Accies have 32 points to Stirling's 31, but the Annfield club have two games in hand and have still to meet Accies at home. Their programmes:

**Stirling Albion: Home—Albion Rovers, Cowdenbeath, Arbroath, Hamilton; Away—Queen's Park, Kilmarnock, Stenhousemuir, St. Johnstone, Dumbarton, Forfar Athletic, Alloa Athletic.**

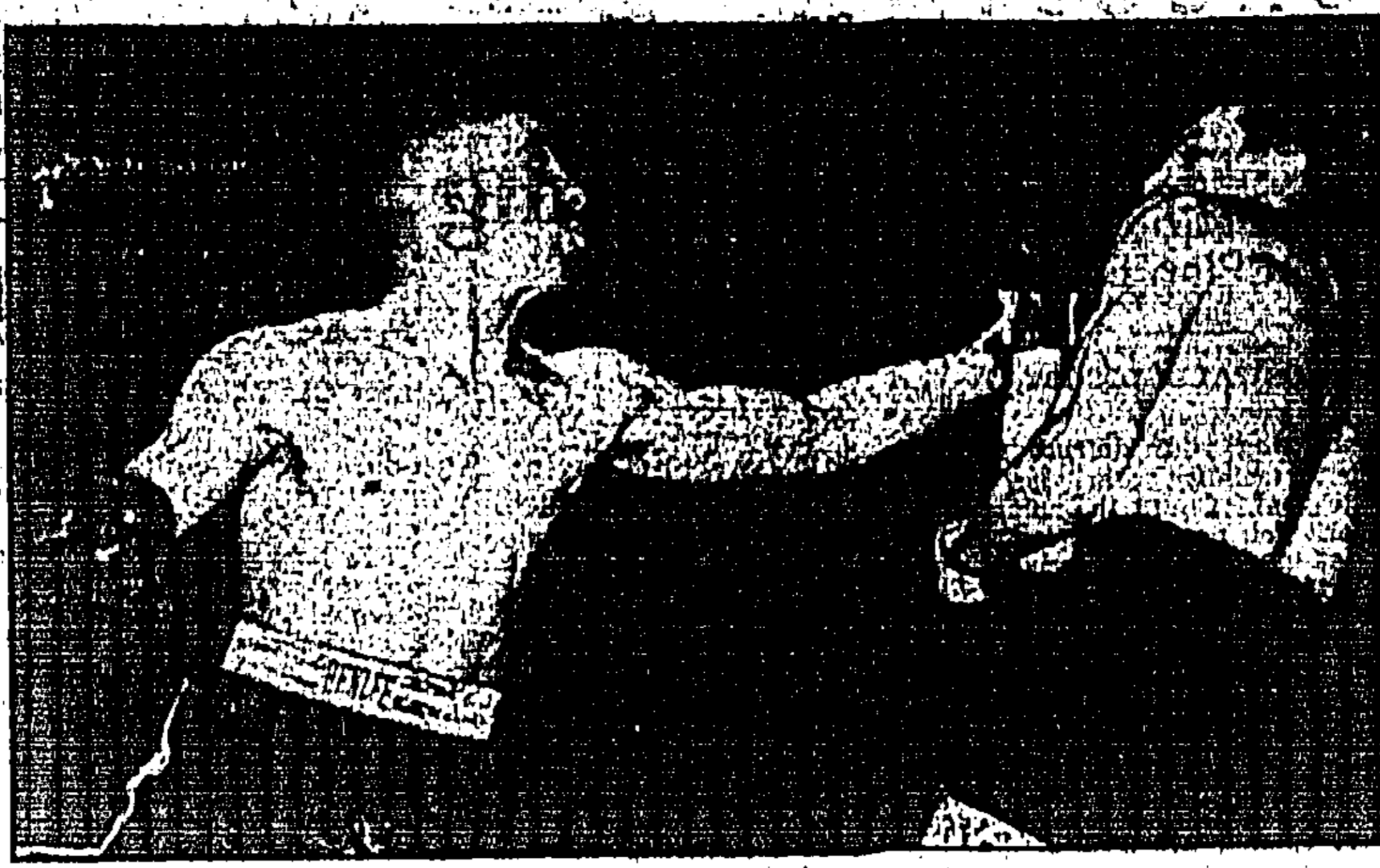
**Hamilton: Home—Dundee United, Arbroath, Cowdenbeath, Stenhousemuir; Away—Dumfries Athletic, St. Johnstone, Dumbarton, Kilmarnock, Stirling Albion.**

Arbroath are chasing the leaders and have gone 13 matches without defeat—a great achievement—but I doubt if they can stay the pace. They have a difficult programme and have still to visit Stirling and Hamilton. —London Express Service.

### COMING SOON!

**CLAUDETTE COLBERT**  
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## THE START OF A "TURPIN SPECIAL"



Danger ahead for Belgian cruiserweight Victor Dhaese (right) as Randolph Turpin prepares to send over a "Turpin special" in the sixth round of their fight at Birmingham.

For most of the fight the British Champion was content to coast along steadily. But this time he meant business. It was a portent of things to come. Within a minute the Belgian was being counted out. —Express Photo.

### GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

# Ankara?—No, No, A Thousand Times No, Say McCarthy's Backers

Sammy McCarthy, one of the very few rising stars in the 1953 boxing firmament, takes time out from greengrocery and gymnasium training to knock an ambitious idea squarely on the head.

Last week came a revival of the suggestion that McCarthy, pending his attempt on the British Featherweight Championship, should stage a grand assault on the Empire title held by Roy Ankarah, picturesquely known to the publicity departments as the Black Flash from Accra.

Here, it was pointed out, was a splendid opportunity for the smiling and unbeaten McCarthy to achieve international status without jeopardising his chance of fighting the winner of the forthcoming Championship meeting between Ronnie Clayton and Freddie King—a meeting, incidentally, for which no promotional bids appear yet to have been made.

Ankarah had expressed willingness to risk his Empire crown—all that was needed was an affirmative from the hard-bitten businessmen behind McCarthy.

### KING SAYS 'NO'

Alas for the best laid schemes of men. Jack King, McCarthy's manager, turns down the whole idea with the bluntest and most forcible of negatives.

"I know this match has been suggested, but my answer is no, a thousand times no," he tells me.

"McCarthy will not be fighting Ankarah in 1953, or 1954. If we were offered £5,000 for the match this minute, the answer would still be no."

"Why should McCarthy be messed and shoved about by Ankarah? Let those who want it have it. Our aim is the British Championship match against either Clayton or King, both of whom Sammy has beaten in overweight matches."

"We plan a fight a month until McCarthy gets his title chance. He meets Eugene Servais of Belgium, at the Seymour Hall on February 3, and has other engagements at the Albert Hall on February 24 and at Earls Court on March 17."

### THAT'S THAT

"The March fight may well be something out of the ordinary, but rest assured that the opponent will not be Ankarah."

And that seems to be that. Personally, I think Ankarah's shortcomings were sufficiently exposed by the left hand of Frenchman Ray Fenech on last year to suggest that McCarthy would not come to any great harm against him.

Nevertheless, I see manager King's point. Sammy McCarthy shows every sign of becoming a wealthy young boxer—without being exposed to those highly charged electric coils that serve Ankarah as arms and legs.

### THAT RECORD

Remarks here on Brighton and Hove's "record" of 11 FA Cup ties between October and March, 1932-33, have inspired reminders of other soccer marathons.

Mr David R. Myddleton (Henley-on-Thames) writes: "In the 1950-51 Cup series, Bristol Rovers also had to play 11 games, but these they completed between November 25 and the end of February."

"They played three matches with Llanelli, three with Gilling-

ham, one each with Aldershot, Luton and Hull, and two with Newcastle, the ultimate Cup winners."

**COMMENT:** Eleven games in six rounds is a jolly good show. But Brighton got into their ninth round with the same number of games.

### BIAS AGAINST BOWLS?

How much would history have been altered had the bowls authorities at Plymouth Hoe put up their green fees to Sir Francis Drake?

Hell hath no fury like a bowls player overcharged, and it seems that Essex Council (Surrey) are defeating their own financial object by seeking inflated fees for the local green.

They have increased season tickets from £2 to £3, and the hourly charge from 9d. to 1s. 3d. As a result, Essex Bowling Club, winners of the Surrey triples last season, can no longer afford to perform or entertain opponents on the local green.

"Bowls is played mostly by elderly men. Retired men living on small pensions are having to forfeit their pleasure because of this disgusting increase," says secretary A. R. Teague.

A 25 per cent drop in membership, plus the probable cancellation of many of next season's fixtures, are part of the burden imposed by the new charges.

### MATHIAS MATCHED

Bob Mathias, that sandy-haired Californian medical student, who won the Olympic Decathlon for the United States in London and Helsinki, is being invited to match his athletic versatility in a two-day meeting in India—competing against that country's best individuals in the 10 events that make up the Olympic decathlon.

Indian athletic experts reckon that 22-year-old Mathias, whose 7,887 points in Finland set a new world record last year, would win by about 200 points.

In England, in similar circumstances, he would probably lose by at least the same margin, however well he performed in the field events.

Specialists like McDonald Bailey in the 100 metres and Banister or Nankiville in the 1,500 metres would assuredly beat the husky Californian. Nor could Mathias be expected to match such top hurdlers as Peter Hildreth and Jack Parker. Still, it's a bright idea.

### NOT SO RUSTY

South Africa's Duggie Miller, due to fight Randolph Turpin at Leicester on February 16, would be wise to ignore all those stories about Turpin being rusty, short of practice, out of form or in any other way incapacitated.

Turpin's six-round knock-out of Victor D'Haese, the Belgian cruiserweight champion, at Birmingham showed us once again how far the man who beat Ray Robinson has progressed in the not-so-simple arts of boxing showmanship.

He could, quite obviously, have destroyed the tall D'Haese in a couple of rounds. Instead, Turpin gave himself a useful public work-out.

For five rounds D'Haese acquitted himself with credit, but any growing confidence he may have felt was utterly destroyed when Turpin decided in the sixth that all concerned had had enough.

### SOLID PUNCH

A left hook to the ribs, followed instantaneously by left and right to the jaw, had D'Haese on his knees. Rising at "nine" the luckless Belgian stumbled into a storm of Turpin right-handers, and took in the region of his kidneys—because he twisted—a solid punch aimed at the short ribs.

Turpin began the fight with a partly healed scar on his nose, and reported with great enthusiasm that it was given him by his new spar mate Will Glynn, of St. Helens.

Inviting me to inspect this young man, Turpin declared him to be the most promising cruiserweight he has seen for years. After all, not every sparring partner get up off the floor to punch Turpin on the nose!

(London Express Service)

# 'CHASING SIRE'S BECOME FAMOUS ONLY WHEN DEAD

By RICHARD BAERLEIN

The successful 'chasing sires' is indeed a forlorn creature. He is either dead or in the last stages of his life when he becomes famous, and his success brings no profit to his owner, who may have been persevering with him for years.

There is no way of forecasting a successful 'chasing sires', though the successful ones occupy the stage for a long time once they arrive. Thus we had the era of My Prince, which produced the Grand National winners, Royal Mail and Reynoldstown.

Then came the Cottage era, and then the Steel Point era, brought to the fore by Freebooter. Steel Point was born 30 years ago this year. He is still a force though he is dead.

The success of Whispering Steel at Sandown on Saturday took him into second place in the sire's list.

Further, he is likely to be to the fore for several years to come as Whispering Steel is only eight, and Freebooter's younger brother, Free Lancer, is only seven.

The present champion sire under National Hunt rules, Factolus, was a purely flat race horse, bred by Haras, and was trained by the late Matthew Peacock at Middleham.

### TOP CLASS

He was a top-class mile hand, and when he went to Ireland to stand at a fee of £40 nobody could have foreseen the success of his offspring under National Hunt rules.

But his position this year is no fluke, for he was highly successful last year in Ireland, where his progeny won nine races under National Hunt rules.

Only his Reverence and Whisby Bay produced more winners in Ireland. He is now rising 18, but this is young as 'chasing sires' go.

One of his most promising offspring is Rose Park, who has already reached the top as a two-mile chaser, and efforts are now being made to train him over a longer distance.

Court Nez is third in the list, but his success is entirely due to the winnings of Halloween, his only winner. He is a son of Gold Cup winner, Bosworth, and is one of the few successful National Hunt sires standing in England.

But can the sire of only one winner be called really successful? He is young as 'chasing sires' go, rising 15 this year, and his 'owners' at least, be able to capitalise this success for a few years to come.

The 1931 Cesarwitch winner, Noble Star, born in 1927 and now dead, is enjoying his most successful year. His offspring have won more races so far than any other sire under these rules.

As Wenceslaus and Crudwell are only young, 'chasing sires', Noble Star's name should appear in the winning lists for many years to come.

### Athletic Records

#### Ratified

London, Jan. 28. The International Athletic Federation today recognised 32 new world's track and field records, including seven by United States athletes and 14 which were established in the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki.

In addition, the Federation also recognised 20 new Olympic records. The new records which were achieved by Americans included the spectacular decathlon performance of Bob Mathias of Tulare, California, who piled up 7,887 points in the ten events at Helsinki. —United Press.

## Death Follows Boxing Match

Exeter, Jan. 29.

A national serviceman, Private J. Latham, of Leyton, London, died in hospital at Exeter today after taking part in the REME Southwestern District Individual Boxing Championships last night.

Private Latham, who is serving with the REME Basic Training Battalion at Taunton, fought in a lightweight contest against another Londoner, Private Nagle, of the same battalion.

The fight went the full distance of three 3-minute rounds, Nagle being on top all the time and landing some heavy body blows.

After Nagle was declared the points winner, Latham climbed out of the ring unaided, but he collapsed in his second arm as he was entering the dressing room. —Reuter.

## NINE DRAGONS DARTS, TABLE TENNIS FINALS

The finals of the December/January Darts and Table Tennis Competitions organised by the Nine Dragons Services Club were played off at the club yesterday.

The Darts Competition was won by 30 Third Squadron R.E., who beat their opponents, 80 Squadron R.A.A.F., 4-2, while three Chinese drivers of 55 Company R.A.S.C. beat the 98 Medium Battery R.A. 4-0 in the Table Tennis Competition.

Following the matches Mrs Odling, wife of the Commanding Officer of the 72 L.A.A. Regiment R.A., Lieut. Col. W. Odling, OBE, MC, distributed the trophies to the lucky winners.

The winning teams were: Darts—30th Squadron R.E.; Table Tennis—55th Company R.A.S.C.

Units are reminded that the closing date for the February Competitions is Saturday, January 31.

## Practice Sessions For Interport Hockey Teams

The 25 players who have been selected to represent Hong Kong in the annual Interport Hockey games against Macao, are advised that practice have been arranged for Wednesday, February 4, Friday, February 6, and Wednesday, February 11, at 5.15 p.m. at Soekunpo. All concerned are requested to attend these practice sessions.

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"SZECHUEN"	Bangkok	10 a.m.	10th Feb.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	3 p.m.	10th Feb.
"YUNNAN"	Shanghai	10 a.m.	12th Feb.
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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m.	1st Feb.
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"SZECHUEN"	Sourabaya & Sibiu	4/5th Feb.	
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	6th Feb.	
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"MENTOR"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Mar.	
"ALCINOUS"	Dublin & Liverpool	24th Mar.	

Scheduled Sailings from Europe			
Sails	Arrives	Departs	
"AUTOMEDON"	Liverpool	Rotterdam	4th Feb.
"ATREUS"	do	do	15th Feb.
"PELEUS"	do	do	22nd Feb.
"MENTOR"	do	do	4th Mar.
"ALCINOUS"	do	do	10th Mar.
"PYRHIUS"	3rd Feb.	13th Feb.	10th Mar.
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"BENCLEUCH"	5th Mar.
"BENVANNOCH"	14th Mar.

## SAILINGS

TO	DATE
"BENMHOR"	7th Feb.
"BENCRAUACHAN"	11th Feb.
"BENALDER"	17th Feb.
"BENATTOW"	20th Feb.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Friday the 27th day of February, 1953, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 13th of February to Friday, the 27th of February, 1953, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,  
A. MORSE,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th Jan., 1953.

## NOTICE

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# CASPIAN FISHERIES ISSUE

Tehran, Jan. 29. The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Sadchikov, called on Premier Mohammed Mossadegh today and was told of the Government's decision not to extend the Soviet Union's 25-year-old fishing concession in the Caspian Sea, which is due to expire on Friday.

The newspaper Itel said the Russians, in submitting a proposal on the future of the concession, had suggested a 10-year agreement for the exchange of many products.

Other newspapers said a recommendation of the Majlis today advised the Government to take over the fisheries before entering into new agreements.

The pro-Government Bakhtar Emrouz hoped the fisheries question would be settled with goodwill on both sides.

It noted that the oil question had resulted in Persia "splitting herself against the intrigues of the Western Powers" and expressed appreciation at the way Russia had discharged her obligations under the fisheries agreement.

It hoped "as one Eastern nation to another" Russia would put no obstacles in Persia's way.

—Reuter.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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# Prison Demanded For Woman

Born, Jan. 29.

The prosecution today demanded six years' imprisonment for a former German actress accused of spying in West Germany for Communist Poland.

Terms of six months to four years were sought for three alleged accomplices, employees of the Frankfurt Police Department.

The prosecution asserted that the chief defendant, 40-year-old Maria Anna Krieth, had confessed delivering to the Soviet intelligence service in Berlin information which endangered the West German Republic and Western defence forces.

Her four-day trial was the first post-war espionage case to be heard by a West German court. Many others have been decided by Allied judges.

Mrs. Krieth, whose stage career was ruined by air-raid wounds, was trapped by Allied agents while allegedly receiving money from her Communist employers.

At her trial, most of which was conducted behind closed doors, she testified from an invalid's chair.

Sentencing is due tomorrow afternoon.

A four-year sentence was asked for Mrs. Krieth's alleged chief accomplice, respected Hermann Westfeld, 38, former Secretary of the Frankfurt Police Department, who was charged with supplying Mrs. Krieth with blank passports and information on police organisations.

Eight months was asked for Marianne Opelt, 54, and six for Heinz Fach, 28, minor employees of the Frankfurt police. They claimed they were innocent tools. — Associated Press.

## DANE TO HEAD COMMITTEE

London, Jan. 29.

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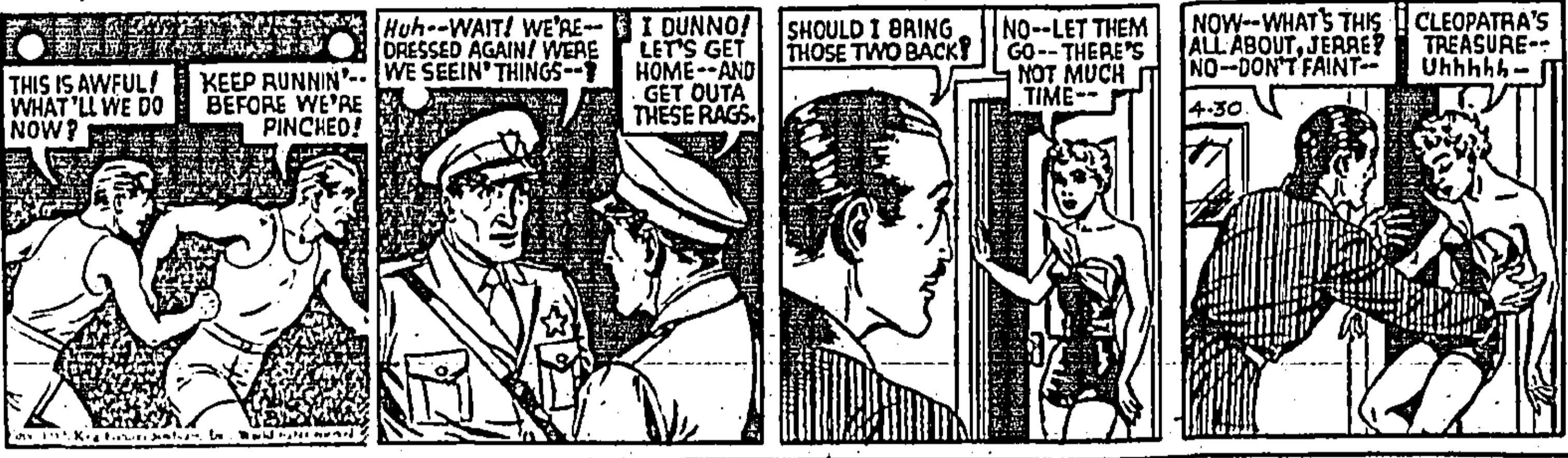
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TAIPEI'S  
APPEAL TO  
JAPAN

Taipei, Jan. 29. Mr. K. Y. Yin, Director of Central Trust and the Taiwan Provincial Supply Board, appealed to Japan yesterday in view of the latter's intention to raise the consumption tax on brown sugar from Taiwan.

News of the Japanese tax increase caused much concern to Nationalist officials as the sale of Taiwan brown sugar has been the Nationalist Government's largest source of foreign exchange.

Mr. Yin appealed to Japan to exercise forbearance in trading with Nationalist China. He said that by forcing the price of Taiwan sugar down below its cost, Japan would eventually find the trade volume of the two countries decreasing.

The consequence would not be to the best interest of the Japanese, Mr. Yin declared. —France-Press.

London Stock  
Exchange

London, Jan. 29. Gold shares lifted on the London Stock Exchange today but eased later on profit-taking. Coppers and diamonds were briefly active but both closed generally unchanged. German bonds improved but Japanese declined. Shipping issues generally gained. 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